(b) the details of such cases reported during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by Government for ensuring safety, security and prevention of harassment of tourists from touts; and

(d) the progress for deployment of tourist police at all major tourists centres in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Law and Order is a State subject and data pertaining to cheating, fleecing and mistreatment to tourists is not compiled and maintained by the Ministry of Tourism However, in order to curb illegal activities and to ensure safety and security, the Ministry of Tourism has advised all the State Governments/ Union Territories to deploy Tourist Police at tourist centers. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, etc., have deployed Tourist Police in one form or another.

Sub-Committee of National Development Council for AIBP

†3644. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sub-Committee of National Development Council has deeply studied the various aspects of Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme;

(b) if so, the composition of the said Committee;

(c) whether the Sub-Committee has submitted its report;

(d) if so, whether this report has been published; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes Sir. The Sub-Committee of the National Development Council on Agriculture and related issues constituted a Working Group to suggest practical and effective steps to specify complete all approved and un-approved on-going

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

irrigation projects alongwith identifying alternative arrangements for financial support including review of AIBP norms.

(b) The composition of the Sub-Committee is as under:

1.	Minister of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Chairman
2.	Minister of Finance	Member
3.	Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission	Member
4.	Minister of Commerce and Industry	Member
5.	Minister of Rural Development	Member
6.	Minister of Water Resources	Member
7.	Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Food Processing Industries	Member
8.	Chief Member, Andhra Pradesh	Member
9.	Chief Minister, Gujarat	Member
10.	Chief Minister, Haryana	Member
11.	Chief Minister, Karnataka	Member
12.	Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh	Member
13.	Chief Minister, Maharashtra	Member
14.	Chief Minister, Meghalaya	Member
15.	Chief Minister, Orissa	Member
16.	Chief Minister, Punjab	Member
17.	Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh	Member
18.	Chief Minister, West Bengal	Member
19.	Member, Planning Commission, In-charge of Agriculture	Convener

(c) The Sub-committee has not submitted its report.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The 2nd meeting of the Sub-Committee has been held on 18th April 2007 for discussing the reports of various Working Groups.

Status of Polavaram Dam

3645. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Polavaram Dam;

(b) whether this dam will play havoc with the tribal hamlets of Orissa;

(c) whether for a few hundred farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa will be forced to bear an irreparable loss;

(d) whether this project is proposed to be executed in consultation with the State Government of Orissa; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Polavaram project is under Appraisal in Central Water Commission. Issues regarding Irrigation Planning, Hydel Civil Design, Cost aspect, back water study and Inter-state aspects are yet to be finalized.

(b) and (c) As per Resettlement & Rehabilitation Plan of October 2005 prepared by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, an area of 587.77 ha. of Orissa is likely to be submerged. The population likely to be affected is 6316. However, the above figures are to be confirmed by conducting a joint survey by the State Governments.

(d) and (e) The project is to be executed in accordance with Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal Award and Inter-State Agreement on the project between State Government of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa.

Linking of rivers in Tamil Nadu

3646. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: